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SUBJ: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES: VOTING
POSITIONS

1. FREELAND (UK) READ OUT TO USDEL PASSAGES OF CABLE
FROM LONDON INSTRUCTING ITS EMBASSIES IN SEVERAL OCED
CAPITALS TO SAY THAT UK'S PRESENT INTENTION, IN VOTING ON
CERDS, IS TO VOTE AGAINST BOTH OBJECTIONABLE PARAS AND
AGAINST THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE, PROVIDED UK WILL FIND
ITSELF IN "RESPECTABLE COMPANY". FREELAND REMARKED THAT
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HE DOES NOT DOUBT THAT HMG WOULD FIND THE COMPANY OF USG

AND FRG RESPECTABLE. HE BELIEVES THAT HMG WILL ALSO FIND THEM SUFFICIENT. BUT HE SUPPOSES THAT THE PURPOSE OF CANVASSING OECD CAPITALS IS TO SEE WHICH OCED MEMBERS WOULD BE DISPOSED TO JOIN HMG IN A NEGATIVE VOTE ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE. HE TRUSTS THAT BOTH WASHINGTON AND BONN WILL NOW ASSURE HMG THAT THEY WILL VOTE NEGATIVELY ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE.

2. DITTMANN (FRG) TOLD US THAT ALL THE RELEVANT GERMAN BUREAUCRACY HAD JOINED IN A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTER THAT FRG VOTE AGAINST THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE, PROVIDED THAT AT LEAST ONE REPEAT ONE EC MEMBER, AS WELL AS SYG, ALSO DOES SO. MINISTER HAD NOT YET PASSED ON MATTER AS OF DITTMANN'S DEPARTURE FROM BONN DEC. 1. DITTMANN DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT FRG IS PREPARED TO VOTE NEGATIVELY ON THE WHOLE IF ONLY USG WILL ALSO SO VOTE. FREELAND HAD INFORMED DITTMAN OF SUBSTANCE OF PRECEDING PARA. THIS MESSAGE. DITTMANN TOLD US THAT, ACCORDINGLY, HE WILL TELEPHONE BONN DEC. 3 TO PRESS HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT, IN VIEW OF UK'S DISPOSITION TO VOTE NEGATIVELY ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE, FRG JOIN HMG AND USG IN SO VOTING.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, SUGGEST DEPT MAY WISH TO INVITE AMEMBASSY BONN URGENTLY TO SEE FRG MINISTER TO URGE HIM TO COMMIT FRG TO JOINING USG AND HMG IN VOTING AGAINST CHARTER AS A WHOLE. END COMMENT.

4. STANFORD (CANADA) SAID THAT, IN RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATION OF CANADIAN EMBASSY TO FONSEC RABASA THAT MEXICO WOULD DO WELL TO POSTPONE CHARTER ADOPTION TO NEXT YEAR, RABASA HAD RESPONDED THAT HE WAS "APPALLED" THAT CANADA COULD MAKE SUCH A SUGGESTION. RABASA REPLIED THAT RATHER CANADA SHOULD DEMONSTRATE ITS INDEPENDENCE OF USG HARD-LINE VIEWS BY VOTING FOR CHARTER. STANFORD SAID THAT CANADIANS WERE SURPRISED AT VIGOR AND HARSHNESS OF RABASA'S RESPONSE TO THEIR WELL INTENTIONED SUGGESTION. THE MATTER IS NOW GOING UP TO PM TRUDEAU, WHO WILL DECIDE ON FURTHER CANADIAN POLICY. STANFORD EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT CANADA WOULD NOT BE PRESSURED INTO A POSITIVE VOTE. HE THOUGHT THAT IT IS PROBABLE THAT CANADA
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WILL ABSTAIN ON THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE.

5. IYAKE (JAPAN) STATED THAT JAPAN IS WAVERING BETWEEN ABSTAINING AND VOTING NEGATIVELY ON THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE. IT WOULD PREFER TO DO LATTER BUT WILL ONLY DO SO IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF OTHER NEGATIVE VOTES. HIS COMMENTS WERE MADE BEFORE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARAS 1-2 OF THIS MESSAGE WAS AVAILABLE, SO WE COULD NOT

ASK HIM IF FRG AND HMG, TOGETHER WITH USG, WOULD BE SUFFICIENT, BUT WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT WELL BE.

6. COMMENT: SUGGEST THAT DEPT MAY WISH TO ASK AMEMBASSY TOKYO TO INFORM FONMIN THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE PROBABILITY THAT HMG AND FRG ARE PREPARED TO JOIN USG IN NEGATIVE VOTE ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, USG STRONGLY HOPES JAPAN ALSO CAN SEE ITS WAY TOWARDS VOTING NEGATIVELY ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE.
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